GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3571
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AEZ PROJECT FOR MEDICINAL AND AROMATIC PLANTS IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal for Agri Export Zone Project for Medicinal and Aromatic Plants in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the districts in Kerala have been included in this projects;

(d) whether any amount has been sanctioned by the Government in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The proposal for setting up of an Agri Export Zone (AEZ) for medicinal and aromatic plants in kerala State was approved in the Steering Committee meeting on 24.09.04. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) and the State Government of Kerala was signed on 1.1.05. The projected investment is :

	Rs. in lakhs	% share
Central Government Agencies	988.15	37.65
State Government Agencies	785.00	29.91
Private Agencies	851.00	32.43
Total	2624.15	99.99

(c): The district notified by Government are Wayanad, Mallapuram, Palakkad, Thrissur, Idduki, Pathanamthitta, Kolam, Thiruvanathapuram and Ernakulam.

(d) to (f): APEDA which is the nodal agency for Agri Export Zones, has not received any proposal for sanction of funds.